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1. [REDACTED] Officially Soviet- [REDACTED] who [REDACTED] travel independently to the Satellite countries from Austria. The others must obtain special permission from Moscow if they must travel to one of the Satellites.
2. Before any of the USIA officials with permission for such travel can depart for a trip out of Austria, however, the following steps must be taken:¹
 - a. He must obtain the approval of the general director of his USIA department;
 - b. He must inform the Soviet Consulate in Vienna of the projected trip and the period of time involved;
 - c. The Consulate [REDACTED] Satellite [REDACTED] time, and [REDACTED];
 - d. The Vienna representative informs his government, which transmits the information to the guards at the selected border point.
3. The immigration service of each of the Satellite states maintains a list of the Soviet citizens in Austria who have standing permission to travel to its country.
4. In crossing the border, the traveler passes easily through the Austrian and Soviet guards, who merely glance at his passport. The Satellite guards examine and stamp the passport and check the name of the traveller against the list of persons permitted to enter. If the name is not on the list, the traveler is detained while the border guards contact their superiors in either Prague or Budapest.
5. If the Soviet traveller returns to Austria by the same route, the procedure is simplified. The border guards are informed of the length of the traveller's duty assignment in their country, know just when to expect him, and permit him to pass with a minimum of red tape.

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- Comment. This report is based on [redacted] travelling to Hungary and Slovakia by automobile. It presumably would hold true for travel by rail.

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


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